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Ref : Short-Term Rentals Bylaw amendment 07-170

To whom it may concern,

I am a retired person and I am hosting on the Airbnb Platform since June 2018.

I took pride for being a super host since I decided to host in June 2018. I have always had good experiences with people.

Hosting allowed me to stay active, be socially involved and also provide me the necessary income to help me make ends meet as the cost of living continues to rise.

On a personal matter, I loved to help people to find a solution for the short term period rentals. They have different reasons such as:

Visiting the area, Visiting families, The need of an interim shelter because of a home sale, an hospital appointment, a study session at Mohawk or Macmaster, a business reunion, etc....

The short term rentals meet different needs, brings a lot of benefits in our community and for the hosts as well.

As you are considering such restrictive measures, it will impact my livelihood as well as that of my community.

High fees like the ones proposed, limits on properties and night caps will only harm Hosts like me who rely on the income earned from our rental to afford crucial expenses and make ends meet.

Please protect Hamilton's economy, businesses, and way of life by preserving the right to host.

Kind regards,

Hélène Ladouceur